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10 September 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 10 September 1968

DD/I noted that, in working with DIA concerning General Wheeler's testimony today before the House Appropriations Committee, it became apparent that there will continue to be a divergence between MACV's and CIA's enemy strength figures in South Vietnam. The Director asked Maury to try to elicit from [redacted] what topics were discussed at the hearing.

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Godfrey indicated that an apparent discrepancy in enemy infiltration thus far in September between today's CIB and General Wheeler's testimony is due to the fact that General Wheeler's remarks are based on the most recent information, which was not available to CIA until today.

Maury reported that Senator Russell has requested our comments on Soviet MIRV testing. The Director concurred in Maury's suggestion that the material prepared on this subject for Congressman Mahon be sent to Senator Russell.

*Maury reported that Senator Margaret Chase Smith has been transferred to Walter Reed Hospital. The Director asked Maury to advise Senator Smith's staff of our offer to bring her up to date on various matters.

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DD/S&T noted that George Wilson weighs in again on the MIRV issue in today's Washington Post.


DD/S&T drew attention to the FMSAC Scientific and Technical Intelligence Report: Complex J at Tyuratam and Its Role in the Soviet Manned Lunar Landing Program.

DD/P called attention to a State message from Vientiane which indicates that significant strides have been taken by the Air Force and the embassy in providing better support for CIA operations in Laos. DD/P noted in particular the provision of additional propeller air support and the apparent elimination of MACV/Saigon's role in CIA's levying of requirements on the Air Force.

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The Director reminded that prominent CIA personalities should avoid participation in public partisan political rallies and fund-raising affairs and that, if CIA officials wish to make financial and other contributions not prohibited by the Hatch Act to political campaigns, they should do so discreetly.

The Director asked for and received a brief status report on the Biafran situation.


L. K. White

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*Extracted and sent to action officer